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[redacted] a.k.a. [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] a.k.a. [redacted] DOB [redacted] SSAN [redacted]
[redacted] residential address [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] were
interviewed at the offices of their attorney, [redacted] 115
Avenida Miramar, San Clemente, CA. Also present was Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] of U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division,
Criminal Section, Washington, D.C. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] After being advised
of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the
interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was hired as the office manager for [redacted]
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About the time the Spanish version of the letter came in, Barbara Coe, whom [REDACTED] does not know, faxed copies of her organization's letterhead to [REDACTED] retrieved the fax and put it on [REDACTED] desk. The fax machine is on [REDACTED] desk. [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] the fax and told her to prepare the return address on the envelopes. The return address, according to [REDACTED] was "CCIR" (which is Barbara Coe's group called "California Coalition for Immigration Reform"). [REDACTED] directed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to look for an eagle graphic to put on the envelope with CCIR's name and address. She and [REDACTED] searched the Internet for eagle graphics. They gave [REDACTED] five choices and he made the final selection.

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Barbara Coe did not come to the campaign headquarters, as far as [REDACTED] recalled.

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When [REDACTED] said to [REDACTED] "can't know about the letter", [REDACTED] was physically present. [REDACTED] said he knew [REDACTED] knew about the letter, and he thought [REDACTED] was joking because [REDACTED] was there. When asked for clarification as to whether [REDACTED] was conveying to [REDACTED] a "wink wink, [REDACTED] can't know" [REDACTED] said yes. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to send the letter out and [REDACTED] asked who was going to pay for it, and [REDACTED] said "You will". When [REDACTED] asked why [REDACTED] said "Don't you want your friend to be a Congressman?" At that point, [REDACTED] went along and realized he would be paying for the letter to be sent out. The part of the conversation having to do with payment happened in person when [REDACTED] was physically in the office. It occurred prior to the phone instructions [REDACTED] got from [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] printing out the letter for [REDACTED] does not recall if the payment discussion occurred the first time

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[REDACTED] mentioned the project. After that, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to have [REDACTED] print the letter, and then later on the phone [REDACTED] told him to go get it signed. The letter was in Spanish. [REDACTED] thinks the letter [REDACTED] printed out for him had letterhead on it. [REDACTED] was told by [REDACTED] that someone from Barbara (Coe)'s organization should sign it. He told [REDACTED] to get Barbara's telephone number from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did not ask [REDACTED] why he needed Barbara's number. The request did not seem to surprise [REDACTED] was supposed to call Coe to get the signature. He thinks it was supposed to be a Hispanic individual's signature. When he called Coe, he said "I've got your letter done." He identified himself as a volunteer for [REDACTED]. It seemed to [REDACTED] that she knew what he was talking about but she didn't ask any questions. His conversation with Coe was very brief but she gave him names of people to contact to endorse the letter. [REDACTED] could not recall if [REDACTED] said Coe would know about it, but he assumed they were working together. [REDACTED] called a telephone number Coe gave him but didn't reach anyone. He did not attempt to use the email address she had given him because it was more convenient for [REDACTED] to go to a friend instead for the signature. He did not recall whether [REDACTED] had told him to obtain a Hispanic surnamed person for the signature or whether he did that on his own. He knew that his friend [REDACTED] spoke Spanish, and [REDACTED] signed the letter with the Spanish text and also signed a blank piece of paper. [REDACTED] brought the letter with the signature and the blank paper to campaign headquarters and gave them to [REDACTED]. He doesn't know what she did with them. At some point [REDACTED] knew the letter was ready to go to "Mailing Pros". [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to get the data files from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] when they were on the phone. He asked [REDACTED] for the data files. [REDACTED] got the data files sent to her from [REDACTED] via email address [REDACTED]. She then emailed it to [REDACTED] at his [REDACTED] email address. It was under [REDACTED] direction that [REDACTED] sent the data files to [REDACTED] and then from his email account to the mailing house. [REDACTED] sent it to them from [REDACTED] email account. [REDACTED] recalled that part happened while they were at the office at the time when [REDACTED] wrote [REDACTED] name on the blank paper because the real signature was deemed by [REDACTED] to be too feminine.

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[REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to call Barbara Coe on the same day that the story hit the media. It was prior to [REDACTED] confronting [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] called Coe, she yelled at him that she didn't know anything about the letter and didn't authorize the use of her letterhead and then hung up on him. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] that "Barbara's denying knowledge of the letter."

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[REDACTED] then released his press release on the controversy. [REDACTED] thoughts were that [REDACTED] was denying wrongdoing, and Barbara was denying wrongdoing and it was looking like [REDACTED] was just a thief who took the letterhead. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to "just take care of [REDACTED] if something happens to me."

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[REDACTED] had no reaction to Coe denying knowledge of the letter. Any time [REDACTED] would express frustration, [REDACTED] would say he had to take a phone call.

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